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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jerry Lynn Cabe et al. : Art Unit: 3745
Serial No.: 10/653,336 : Examiner: Nguyen, Ninh H.
Filed: September 2, 2003 :
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS :
TO FACILITATE SEALING :
BETWEEN ROTATING :
TURBINE SHAFTS :

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TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith are:

**Amendment in response to Office Action dated October 1, 2004 (8 pgs.);
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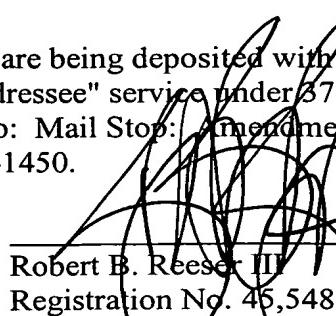
STATUS

2. Applicant
 Claims small entity status.
 is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
First month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
Second month	\$ 430.00	\$ 215.00
Third month	\$ 980.00	\$ 490.00
Fourth month	\$1,530.00	\$ 765.00
Fifth month	\$2,080.00	\$1,040.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

- (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.	MINUS			x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
	MINUS			x \$44 = \$		x \$88 = \$
	<u>FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM</u>			+ \$150 = \$		+ \$300 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$
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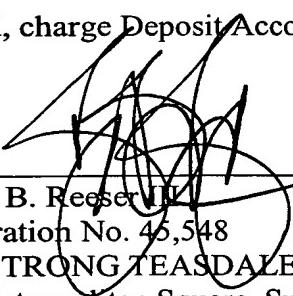
FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. Other:


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